

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 756

By Sargent

A RESOLUTION to recognize Rev. Bob Cowperthwaite on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Bob Cowperthwaite is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-five years as the rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Cowperthwaite will be taking a much deserved retirement on May 1<sup>st</sup> of this year; and

WHEREAS, after he graduated from seminary in 1973, Rev. Cowperthwaite served churches in Florida and New York City before moving to Franklin; and

WHEREAS, when Rev. Cowperthwaite arrived at St. Paul's, the congregation had a few hundred members and some part-time staff; during his tenure, the church has grown to about 1,200 members, with several full-time clergy and leaders; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Cowperthwaite also contributes his time and numerous talents to serving as a chaplain on the Williamson County Rescue Squad, and he is a regular presence at Williamson County Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband to his wife, Susan, Rev. Bob Cowperthwaite exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Rev. Cowperthwaite has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his congregation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Rev. Bob Cowperthwaite our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.